

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a data processing system for sending content from a first application to a second application, the method comprising the computer implemented steps of:
responsive to detecting a user input indicating a selection of the content for transfer to the second application, copying the selection of the content to form copied content[[: and]], wherein copying the selection comprises presenting a graphical user interface in response to the input indicating transfer functions, and automatically copying the selection of the content to form copied content in response to a selection of a transfer type through the graphical user interface; and
automatically sending the copied content to the second application, by initiating the second application and sending the copied content to the second application.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the copied content is sent to the second application using an application program interface.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first application and the second application are selected from one of a word processing program, an email program, an instant messaging program, or a spreadsheet program.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the copying step comprises:
copying, by a data transfer process in an operating system process, the selection of the content to form copied content in response to detecting the user input.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the sending step comprises:
initiating execution of the second application, by the data transfer process, if the second application is not currently executing;
sending, by the data transfer process, the copied content to the second application.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the second application is a communications program and wherein the sending step further comprises:

initiating a transfer of the copied content, by the data transfer process, to a user selected destination.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the copied content is stored in a ~~clip-board~~ clipboard handled by an operating system.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
responsive to a second user input indicating a selection of content for transfer to a file, copying the selection of content to form copied content; and
saving the copied content to the file.

11. (Currently Amended) A means in a data processing system for sending content from a first application to a second application, the data processing system comprising:
copying means for copying a selection of the content to form copied content in response to detecting a user input indicating a selection of the content for transfer to the second application[[: and]], wherein copying the selection comprises presenting a graphical user interface in response to the input indicating transfer functions, and automatically copying the selection of the content to form copied content in response to a selection of a transfer type through the graphical user interface; and
automatic sending means for automatically sending the copied content to the second application[[:.]], wherein the automatic sending means further comprises initiating means for initiating the second application, and sending means for sending the copied content to the second application.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the copied content is sent to the second application using an application program interface.

14. (Original) The data processing system of claim 11, wherein the first application and the second application are selected from one of a word processing program, an email program, an instant messaging program, or a spreadsheet program.

15. (Original) The data processing system of claim 11, wherein the copying means comprises:

copying means, in a data transfer process in an operating system process, for copying the selection of the content to form copied content in response to detecting the user input.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for sending content from a first application to a second application, the computer program product comprising the computer implemented instructions of:

first instructions for copying the selection of the content to form copied content in response to detecting a user input indicating a selection of content for transfer to the second application[; and],
wherein copying the selection comprises presenting a graphical user interface in response to the input indicating transfer functions, and automatically copying the selection of the content to form copied content in response to a selection of a transfer type through the graphical user interface; and

second instructions for automatically sending the copied content to the second application[.],
wherein the second instructions comprise first sub instructions for initiating the second application, and second sub instructions for sending the content to the second application.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the copied content is sent to the second application using an application program interface.

19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the first application and the second application are selected from one of a word processing program, an email program, an instant messaging program, or a spreadsheet program.

20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A method in a data processing system for sending content from a first application to a second application, the method comprising the computer implemented steps of:

providing a plurality of different applications, wherein each of said applications is available for selection by a user as the second application that is to receive the content from the first application;

responsive to detecting a single user input indicating selection of a particular application of said plurality to be the second application, copying the content to form copied content; and

without further user input, initiating the particular selected application to be the second application, and sending the copied content to the second application.

22. (New) The method of Claim 21, wherein the plurality of provided applications includes at least a word processing program located in the data processing system, and an e-mail program for transferring the content over a specified network.